we can make our presence felt in the external market which has been created after a great deal of effort and exercise.

DR. BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I agree with the hon. Member. This is the strategy that we should maintain in the international market. The credibility of our products can be maintained only on the basis of continuous supply and other things. In the case of milk and milk powder, as I mentioned earlier, the Animal Husbandry Department is fixing the criteria. As regards import, it is under OGL. Earlier we were getting 75,000 tonnes of milk powder as donation from other countries. Now we have stopped that. Now we will consult the Animal Husbandry Department and the Dairy Department and ask them if they can give us a continuous quota. We will be happy if we can maintain a good reputation in the market.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Inadequate Godown Space for RPDS

*202. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the godowns space available does not match with the magnitude of the revamped PDS;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to increase the godowns capacity;

(c) whether it is a fact that the resources have not been properly distributed so that adequate storage capacity is created; and

(d) if so, the plan and programme of Government in this area?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) and (b) The godown capacity with the Food Corporation of India (FCI), Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC), State Warehousing Corporations (SWC) and State Civil Supplies Corporations (SCSC) is adequate for implementing the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS).

(c) and (d) In order to help the State Governments to augment the storage capacity, Government is extending financial assistance for construction of small godowns in the far-flung, hilly, remote and inaccessible areas. This assistance is given to States as loan and subsidy on 50:50 basis. An amount of Rs. 12.5 crores has been provided under the scheme for the financial year 1997-98, as against the current financial year's allocation of Rs. 7.55 crores.

Revival of Hindustan Cables Limited

*206. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a package of assistance for Hindustan Cables Limited and a strategy for its future was considered by Government;

(b) if so, whether Government have instructed the Department of Telecommunications and Department of Heavy Industry to bilaterally work out the ways and means to see how the operations of the Company could be sustained till its revival; and

(c) if so, the details of arrangement decided between the Department of Telecommunications and Department of Heavy Industry?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Government considered a package of assistance to Hindustan Cables Limited (HCL) and strategy for its future and decided that Department of